Introduction
In the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific and Technological Cooperation in the Field of Traditional Medicine between the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and the Italian Ministry of Health, the Italian National Institute of Health and the Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine have implemented the Joint Sino-Italian Laboratory on Traditional Chinese Medicine, with the purpose of investigating scientific evidence supporting traditional Chinese medicine.

The agreement was signed in November 2006 and lasted two years. The Laboratory carried out clinical and meta-analytic work on such areas as post-stroke rehabilitation, acupuncture on cancer patients, chronic cardiac failure as well as methodological aspects of clinical trials and Good Laboratory Practice (GLP).

The present Conference addresses a wide audience of scientists and clinicians and everyone interested in traditional Chinese medicine and in its potential integration with allopathic practices.

Objectives
The Conference aims at spreading information on the activities carried out in the Joint Laboratory and at presenting the comprehensive project results.

Method
The Conference will rely upon presentations followed by discussions, in a design for all approach. English will be the official language of the Conference.

SESSION I: A WESTERN APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE
Chairpersons: Roberto Raschetti, Li Yan
11.20 Evidence-Based Medicine and Traditional Chinese Medicine
Francesca Menntiti Ippolito
11.35 Systematic review on stroke rehabilitation
Zhang Junhua
11.50 Systematic review on chronic cardiac failure
Fu Shufei
12.05 Complementary therapies in oncology: a pilot study on chemotherapy side effects
Fabio Firenzuoli
12.20 The Italian arm of the pilot study on chemotherapy side effects
Luigi Gori
12.35 The Chinese arm of the pilot study on chemotherapy side effects
Yu Tao
12.50 Discussion
13.10 Lunch break

SESSION II: STROKE REHABILITATION
Chairpersons: Valter Santilli, Yu Tao
14.00 Descriptive study on stroke rehabilitation: study design
Alice Fauci
14.15 The Gait Analysis Laboratory
Massimiliano Mangone
14.30 The Chinese section of the study on stroke rehabilitation
Chu Qin
14.45 The Italian section of the study on stroke rehabilitation
Massimiliano Murgia
15.00 Bridging Western and Traditional Chinese Medicine: the neurological transmission
Gaudenzio Garozzo
15.15 Discussion
15.30 Tea break

SESSION III: TRIAL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION
Chairpersons: Hu Limin, Carlo Tomino
15.45 Trial on TCM myocardial infarction secondary prevention
Shang Hongcai
16.00 Reviewing TCM trials design and implementation
Entela Xoxi
16.15 Discussion

SESSION IV: LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL AND TCM
Chairpersons: Shang Hongcai, Franco Vincieri
16.30 Quality control on selected traditional Chinese medicines
Anna Rita Bilia
16.45 Laboratory quality control at the TUTCM
Hu Limin
17.00 Discussion

JOSIL FINAL CONSIDERATIONS
17.15 JoSIL final considerations and the way forward
Ranieri Guerra, Zhang Boli

EVALUATION
17.45 ECM questionnaire
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue
Auditorium Pocchiari, Istituto Superiore di Sanità
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Audience
Scientists and clinicians interested in TCM and in its potential integration with allopathic practices.

Registration
Participation is free, but pre-registration is required. Participants will be admitted up to 230. The application form, duly completed and submitted on-line at http://www.iss.it/site/reg/, must be printed, signed, and faxed to the Technical Secretariat (+39 06 49904124/4134) by 19 January 2009. Applicants will be informed about the status of their applications through the on-line registration system.

Language
The official language is English.

ECM credits (for Italian participants only) For Italian participants, ECM accreditation has been requested for all professional profiles.

Certificate of attendance
A certificate of attendance will be provided upon request at the end of the Conference.

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